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TEIS has a new Director of Early Childhood Programs

Joseph Fisher, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Special Education has named **Jamie T. Kilpatrick** as the Director of Early Childhood Programs. Jamie has been with Tennessee's Early Intervention System (TEIS) since 1997. Before taking this position, he was the TEIS Infant/Toddler Consultant for West Tennessee. He first came to the Division as a graduate assistant and then a service coordinator for the Northwest District office of TEIS. From these positions, Jamie brings a wealth of first-hand field supervision and experience.



Jamie Kilpatrick at the TEIDS training

Recently, in addition to his duties as West Tennessee's Infant/Toddler Consultant, Jamie has been involved with the development of Tennessee's Early Intervention Data System (TEIDS). This new data system will provide critical information about areas of need at the state, agency, regional, and district levels. TEIDS has been hailed as a landmark innovation and is currently being reviewed by other states interested in updating and improving their own data systems.

Jamie is encouraged about opportunities to strengthen and build service options for the families of young children with special needs in our state. In a letter addressed to early childhood special educators, Jamie wrote, "The reality is that early childhood special education programs face many demands including data-based accountability, budget concerns, and increased local demands. I want to ask for your support over the coming months and years as we outline the solutions to the issues before us. Our mission is to provide high quality services in a fiscally responsible manner. I welcome your commitment and involvement as we make this mission a reality." He stands by the motto of TEIS, "Tomorrow's Success Begins Today."

Jamie currently lives in Paris, Tennessee with his wife, Amy, and their four-year-old triplets and commutes to his new position in Nashville.